

103b 17. A non-return valve according to claim 1, characterized in that between the mouths on either side of the channel (33), a further mouth is provided which is sealable by means of a further O-ring (29) and communicates with a further channel (23) having a second mouth which is located outside the channel (33).

### REMARKS

The amendments to claims 3, 6 and 7 are made to avoid charges for multiple dependent claims. It is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered prior to the calculation of the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims 3, 6 and 7 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A non-return valve according to claim 1[ or 2], characterized in that at least one further ring (62) is provided in the groove, freely displaceable relative to the groove walls, so that the groove is subdivided into several gaps (66) all shut off by an O-ring (59).

6. (Amended) A non-return valve according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1, characterized in that a screening cap (40; 60; 81) connected to the valve member (32; 52; 72) is provided at a distance around the O-ring (39; 59; 79), the interior of said screening cap being in open communication with the environment.

7. (Amended) A non-return valve according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1, characterized in that between the mouths on either side of the channel (33), a further mouth is provided which is sealable by means of a further O-ring (29) and communicates with a further channel (23) having a second mouth which is located outside the 5 channel (33).